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Isabel comes calling

Hurricane Isabel made her presence known throughout Hampton Roads Thursday Sept. 18. A majority of damage on area bases consisted of extensive downed trees, like this pile of debris is at the Lafayette River Complex, flooding, partial utility outages, damaged/leaking roofs, building sidings ripped off, considerable debris left from the combined storm/tidal surge, downed traffic signs and a couple of dozen partially submerged vehicles. Most activities were back in operation by Monday, although the clean up will continue for some time. LANTDIV teamed with PWC Norfolk to staff an Engineer Operations Center in Bldg. Z-140 Thursday morning. Friday morning teams fanned out across area bases to assess damage and prioritize repairs.



Change of Command set for October

LANTDIV HQ—Rear Adm. Michael K. Loose has been named as the next Commander of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) and Chief of Civil Engineers. He will relieve Rear Adm. Mike Johnson in Washington, D.C. Oct. 24.

Rear Adm. (select) Richard Cellon will relieve Rear Adm. Loose as Atlantic Division Commander Oct. 10 at a ceremony at the Lafayette River Complex on Hampton Blvd. in Norfolk. Rear Adm. (sel.) Cellon is currently Commander of NAVFAC Pacific Division in Pearl Harbor, Hi., a position he has held since August 2002. He previously served as commanding officer of NAVFAC Southern Division and executive officer at PWC Norfolk. He was selected for promotion to Rear Admiral (lower half) in 2001 while at



Rear Admiral (select) Richard E. Cellon



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Southern Division.

A native of Gainesville, Fla., Rear Adm. (sel.) Cellon is a 1978 graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy. He holds master's degrees from the University of Florida (Civil Engineering), and the Naval War College (National Security and Strategic Studies). He also at-

tended the Wharton School's Advanced Management Program at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of California, a member of the Acquisition Professional Community, and a Seabee Combat Warfare Officer.

We must become One NAVFAC

Captain Darrell Van Hutten

As we tackle the seemingly daunting challenges of the next few years, I become more and more convinced that we must now, more than ever, operate and behave as One NAVFAC. In fact, I submit that it is imperative that we behave and act as one organization as we tackle the future's challenges and transformations. Already, we see what we can accomplish when we work together, focusing all our energy and emotion on helping our clients accomplish their mission.

I view the concept of One NAVFAC as consistent with the "One Facilities Engineer Voice" - and perhaps even one step further. Our real value to our clients, their mission accomplishment, is critically dependent on the Facilities Team delivering what they need, when they need it, for the right cost. All too often, we behave as if internal organizational boundaries are constraints and limitations. This consumes precious emotion and energy that is better invested in working together more closely, focusing on the deliverable and our client's needs.

A few months ago, I received in the mail a small tri-fold brochure from URS Corporation with a business card of a former CEC officer. The tri-fold cover stated 'URS Corporation is pleased to announce that Mr. Smith* has joined us as Program Director' in our Phoenix office. The tri-fold brochure included a summary of the products and services available from URS Corporation - starting with the phrase "URS offers a diversified and highly specialized combination of skills and experience in planning, design, construction management, and program management". The enclosed business card contained the URS symbol.

If Mr. Smith* were to pay a visit to your office, his business card would clearly announce that he represented all of URS, not just the Phoenix office. If your need was for a seismic specialist, then Mr. Smith* would locate that person (who is in the company's San Francisco office) and ensure that your requirements were met. Seamlessly. As the client, your inter-

est is not in where the expertise comes from - it is about getting the job done. Mr. Smith* would make the process transparent, whether the expertise was organic to the Phoenix office, brought in from another URS office, or even if it had to be acquired by contract.

I firmly believe that is how we should behave as the Navy's facilities engineering provider. Our job is to align the right resources to deliver the necessary solution to our parts of NAVFAC. This expenditure of energy and emotion detracts from our real purpose which is to solve our client's problems. Simply, it is counter productive. I well recognize that this is not easy. The Navy, typical of military organizations world-wide, has a deep rooted culture of unit identity. We all are proud of the unit in which we serve. Pride is good, but when we then turn on other NAVFAC team members - well we have gone too far.

Already, we have begun to characterize ourselves as "NAVFAC in Europe" and Team NAVFAC. Although in advance of the official NAVFAC Style Guide, the new NAVFAC logo provides us with a great opportunity to demonstrate our being part of NAVFAC by using the logo in our business cards and PowerPoint briefs. Low cost, low drag, powerful message.

Does this mean we will do away with the terms PWO and ROICC? I certainly think not. PWO and ROICC are NAVFAC brands, just as a "Big Mac" is deeply associated with McDonalds. What it means is that, like McDonalds, we behave and refer to ourselves as if we are part of a larger whole, vice trying to upstage and outshine other parts of the organization. It means recognizing that we are all part of NAVFAC - and given our mobility, both military and civilian, we may well serve in another part of NAVFAC.

Does it mean that we will immediately abandon the term "EFA Med" or the EFA Med logo? No, if for no other reason that these terms provide a point of reference for our clients as we adopt the language and behaviors



Capt. Darrell Van Hutten

that we are One NAVFAC. Hopefully, in time, we will present ourselves as being from NAVFAC. Along the lines of Mr. Smith* who might present himself, "I'm from URS, Phoenix office" or, simply, "I represent URS".

Already, LANTDIV is an abbreviation for "Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Atlantic Division" - but when we hold up "LANTDIV" as a differentiator from other divisions (sometimes with the tone that LANTDIV is somehow better than XDIV), then we may be creating artificial boundaries that hinder continuous improvement, communications, and efficient/effective delivery of our products and services. Certainly when someone says they are "from XDIV, not from NAVFAC", then we communicate that we are a fractured organization.

I sincerely hope you find this idea of **One NAVFAC** something you too can believe in and subscribe to. I appreciate that this change may take some time to take root and grow - but if each of us takes a small step towards the idea of **One NAVFAC** - through the use of symbols and terms - before long, we will behave and deliver like a cohesive, global Team.

**Fictitious name, changed for this otherwise true account of the URS tri-fold.*

NAVFAC unveils new logo



NAVFAC HQ—A team of employees has developed a NAVFAC-wide brand that will become the common face of NAVFAC. The logo element of the NAVFAC Brand is comprised of two unique but related graphics.

The primary logo is the horizontally oriented version. Because space sometimes is at a premium, a smaller, vertical logo was also developed. The primary logo should always be used, if possible. The smaller, secondary graphic should only be used where size limitations or space needs make it appropriate. The two logos should never be used in conjunction with one another on a single page, web banner, brochure or sign.

The dark blue represents the traditional Navy, the light blue represents a modern contemporary perspective and the gold represents both the Navy and Marine Corps.

The sweeping arch in "NAVFAC" represents the curved edge of a globe representing NAVFAC as a global organization. It also is an ocean wave representing our service to the Navy.

The blue square represents the foundation of a facility, a strong square cornerstone. The sweeping lines inside the square represent the hull of a ship, the lines of a wake breaking behind a ship and a design drawing. The golden crosshairs represent a design tool that is both traditional (paper drafting) and modern (CAD). The crosshairs also represent a weapons system used by the Navy and Marine Corps Combat Team.



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EFA NE award honors Joe Pisarek



EFA Northeast's first Joseph A. Pisarek Award was presented May 21 to Joe Roche, a supervisory Mechanical Engineer. The award was created to commemorate the outstanding professional service and compassionate personality of Joe Pisarek, former Senior Project Manager for the New England Integrated Product Team. Honorees who are selected share Joe's traits of tireless work ethic, concern for the well being of others, and zest for life. The plaque, designed by Environmental News Editor, Greg Procopio, features a bronze bas-relief portrait of Joe Pisarek. Roche accepted the award from EFA NE Executive Officer, Cmdr. Cameron Manning and Joe Pisarek's widow Susan.

Cirvello & DeConti fill Mackey's shoes

By Rebecca Rotz

LANTDIV HQ recruited the two-man squad perfect for the jobs that are vital to the success of the Atlantic Division. Joe Cirvello and Chris DeConti work hard to maintain the legacy left to them by Gary Mackey. Following Mackey's retirement in January, LANTDIV split the job, such that Cirvello's responsibilities encompass the role of Deputy Operations Officer while DeConti covers the job as the Construction Product Line Leader.

Joe Cirvello's duties as the Deputy Operations Officer for Atlantic Division include coordinating, integrating, and driving execution of products and services at LANTDIV in support of the Deputy Commander for Operations and its components.

"My goal is to provide balanced focus on issues of long-term strategic importance and short-term execution so that LANTDIV and NAVFAC remain a vital component of DoD," he said. Additionally, he aims "to increase awareness or understanding of our field mission complexities and requirements resulting in an overall shift to a more field mission focused organization."

Throughout Joe's 17 years with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, he has enjoyed tours throughout Italy, South Carolina, and Virginia, where he now calls northeast Suffolk home. He is a graduate of the NAVFAC Leadership Development Initiative, Tier IV (2002), and has been a member of the Acquisition Professional Community since 2001. He is a registered P.E. in Virginia. In his spare time, he enjoys tennis, skiing, snowboarding, and playing the acoustic guitar. Joe earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering with emphasis on Construction from N.C. State University.

Chris DeConti, the second member of the team, is the Construction Product Line Leader. In his position, he provides program oversight, ensures the success of the product line of Atlantic Division, helps to manage Acquisition and Base Operating Support resources distributed throughout ROICC offices, and serves as the



Joe Cirvello

ROICC advocate for field offices worldwide.

"My biggest challenge is to continue to provide LANTDIV's excellent facilities products within current budget constraints," said DeConti concerning his widespread duties.

Prior to Chris' 20 years with Atlantic Division, he worked for various Architect/Engineering firms in California and Virginia. He has worked in the Design Division and at ROICC Norfolk, but since then LANTDIV has taken him far beyond the United



Chris DeConti

States. Chris has experienced Yokosuka, Japan, and most recently, Naples, Italy as the Chief Engineer for OICC Naples. A Registered Architect, he holds a B.S. in Architecture from Georgia Tech as well as a B.A. in Asian Studies from the University of Maryland University College, Yokosuka, Japan. His main goal in his position as the Construction Product Line Leader is "for our team to find processes and ideas which will help us continue to streamline our work, and ensure quality results."

Hmmm...



Looking stymied, from left, Steve Geusic, Karen Christian, Theresa Pettit and Artie Mock are working with the IEFACMAN website during a training session.

Leipert earns environmental award

By Al Haring

Director, Environmental Restoration Division

EFA NE—Mark Leipert was presented with the coveted “Drum E” award at the Navy’s annual Cleanup Conference in Port Hueneme early this year. The CNO-sponsored honor is given annually to the non-supervisory technical employee who made the most significant contribution to the Installation Restoration Program during the fiscal year.

Mark, a geologist in EFA NE’s Environmental Department’s Restoration Technical Branch, does an outstanding job managing the Environmental Baseline Survey (EBS) work for the former NAS South Weymouth. At the start, there were over 100 of these EBS review item areas. His tireless efforts were rewarded as he was successful in getting regulatory approval for “no further action” on 55 of these areas in FY-02. He was also instrumental in resolving highly contentious background contamination issues at the site.

Mark works very closely with his contractors, making many trips to the installation to keep moving the program forward. Working with the regulators, Mark continually looks for ways to expedite the cleanup process. He is a member of the Alternative Restoration Technology Team (ARTT) workgroup, and is a proponent for the use of innovative technologies.

Other EFANE professionals nominated for making out-



Mark Leipert, left, accepts the Drum-E Award from Dave Olson, N-45.

standing contributions to the restoration program were: Todd Bober, Jim Shafer, Jim Briggs, Dave Barney, and Brian Helland.

Next BRAC will reflect changing times

By Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, DC – There were 97 major base closures and 55 major realignments during previous base realignment and closure actions in 1988, 1991, 1993 and 1995, according to DoD documents.

Besides cutting redundant infrastructure, those BRACS resulted in a net savings of \$16 billion through fiscal 2001, according to DoD figures, and annually recurring savings of \$6 billion beyond then.

However, almost a decade has passed since the last BRAC was conducted, Raymond DuBois, deputy undersecretary of defense for installations and environment, noted during a July 10 Pentagon interview. Congress authorized DoD to execute a new BRAC round in 2005.

Much has changed since 1995, DuBois emphasized, pointing to today’s war against global terrorism.

“A great deal has changed in the last 10 years that ought to lead any thinking person to the conclusion that ... (another BRAC) is a good thing to do,” he said.

The next BRAC will affect state-side and U.S. territory bases. DoD, he added, is also looking at its global military force structure to see if it meets today’s national security needs. Lessons learned from 9-11 and the ensuing war on terrorism, DuBois noted, suggest that adjustments should also be conducted with forces stationed overseas.

And besides trimming excess real estate that’s costly to maintain, he explained, another BRAC would assist DoD to become more “joint.”

“We ought to look at how all four services can utilize a reconfigured footprint to better support the warfighting plans of the combatant commanders,” DuBois said.

Although not addressed in the

2005 BRAC, it’s well known, DuBois pointed out, that “there are (overseas) places where we have a concentration of troops basically as a legacy from the Cold War — as a legacy of the post-World War II situation between the Warsaw Pact and NATO.”

The Cold War “has gone away,” he asserted. Consequently, he pointed out, there is no longer a need for having 70,000 U.S. troops based in Germany. In fact, DuBois noted that U.S. combatant commanders are slated to meet soon to study today’s worldwide basing and warfighting needs.

The 2005 BRAC, DuBois noted, will reconfigure stateside military infrastructure to meet the realities of the 21st century. Some installations, he explained, will gain assets while others will be closed.

Basically, the war against global terrorism has caused DoD to rethink “what opportunities should we have for basing,” DuBois concluded.

J.C. Wade challenges P.E. exam and passes

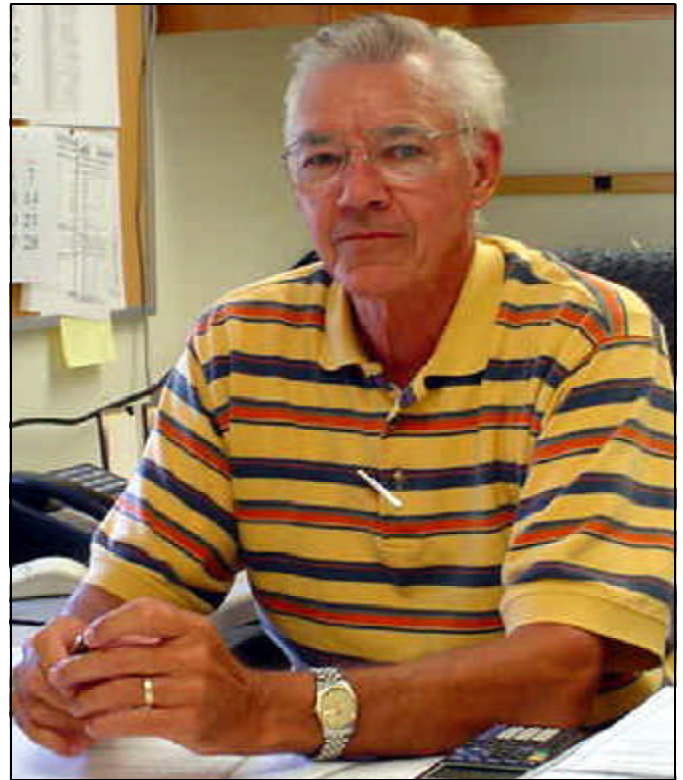
ROICC CAMP LEJEUNE—J.C. Wade is not your average Engineering Tech. He is one of only a few who apply to sit for the Professional Engineer exam, and one of even fewer who passed the test.

Wade is a native of Kinston, N.C. Since his high school graduation he has been immersed in the field of construction. He eventually transferred to the federal service in 1984 and has held the position of Mechanical Engineering Tech at Camp Lejeune since 1992.

Inspired by Mike Lynch, Gary Horne, and Vann Marshburn, Wade aspired to pass the monstrous P.E. exam. Countless nights and weekends were spent at his kitchen table, pouring over reference manuals and study guides, picking the brains of his colleagues, in addition to wrestling the engineering problems of author Michael Lindeburg.

J.C. Wade's achievement "is the result of many years of hard work, [and] self study...there may be no other Engineering Technician in all of LANTDIV that holds a Professional Engineering License," remarked his supervisor and motivator, Mike Lynch.

As for the future, J.C. Wade plans to stay put for six more years, when he will retire with his P.E. license to fall back on.



J.C. Wade, P.E.

EFA NE and union sign agreement

EFA NE—After several months of negotiation, representatives from Engineering Field Activity Northeast, Navy Crane Center and National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE) Lodge 1430 signed a new agreement July 7.

The agreement will cover the next three years of operations. Congratulations go out to Chief Negotiators: Commander Manning who represented EFA NE and Captain Gerry Manley, EFA NE's representative until Cmdr. Manning took over, Gerald Clark, who represented the Navy Crane Center and Margie Flanagan, President of NFFE Lodge 1430. The agreement is now en route to DoD for final approval.



EFA NE Commanding Officer, Capt. Robert Raines and Director of the Navy Crane Center, Samuel Bevins sign the new Negotiated Agreement as Chief Negotiators, while EFA NE Executive Officer, Cmdr. Cameron Manning, NFFE Lodge 1430 President Margie Flanagan and NCC Representative Gerald Clark look on.

Cmdr. Mike Moskowitz

LANTDIV's man in Baghdad



By Rebecca Rotz

Commander Mike Moskowitz is no ordinary guy. A Navy Civil Engineer Corps reservist, he was called up for active duty two years ago in the Atlantic Division Operations Dept. He's a native New Yorker, but now calls Hightstown, N.J. home. His 22 months of duty with LANTDIV took him to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the Pentagon, Bahrain, Kuwait and Iraq.

In the past few months, he has seen water revered as an extremely rare commodity, stumbled upon mass graves, watched young children live amongst the daily confusion and danger on the streets of Baghdad, and witnessed firefights within yards of the walls of his palace accommodations.

According to Moskowitz, the most challenging aspect of this mission was attempting to understand the Iraqi's expectations. On the other hand, "the most rewarding aspect of this experience to me is coming almost full circle from seeing 9/11 happen, being at Ground Zero doing structural inspections two days later, to going to GTMO and seeing Al Qaeda detainees taken there, and finally going to Iraq to participate in combating terrorism."

When Cmdr. Moskowitz reported to GTMO in December 2001, his main task with LANTDIV was to help plan for, design, and construct detention facilities for detainees from the war on terrorism. This joint task force evolved relatively slowly, allowing time for planning and discussion. The job was rather safe with available leisure time, whereas with Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance (ORHA) in Baghdad, where he was Executive Officer of

the Baghdad Regional group, relaxation time was a scarcity and safety was nonexistent.

"You have to watch your back, and carry protection with you all the time when you leave the compound," Moskowitz pointed out.

ORHA first mobilized at the Pentagon, where he was first slotted as the Assistant Chief Engineer, and shortly thereafter became Chief Engineer. Service members from all branches of the armed forces and civilians were assigned to the unit. They formed up at the Pentagon for training and equipment issue. On March 17, 169 personnel left for Kuwait, calling themselves the original "ORHAnians". Today, there are well over 1000 personnel, not including much of the attached military, to what is now called the Coalition Provisional Authority, or CPA.

Cmdr. Moskowitz is a graduate of Colorado University and City University, New York, where he earned bachelors and master's degrees in Civil Engineering. He has spent 19 years as a Navy Civil Engineer Corps Officer, half in Reserve Seabee Battalions, half in supporting units. As a civilian, Cmdr. Moskowitz works as a structural engineer with the consulting engineering firm, URS, which qualified him to complete an inspection of the 14th of July Bridge that spans the Tigris River in central Baghdad as a follow up for an engineering battalion's assessment.

During this inspection, Cmdr. Moskowitz looked for "deterioration, cracking, or out and out failures of structural components. A bridge inspector with design experience has an advantage of knowing more specifically where the most exposed components are located, and where the

most load and stresses are applied, whereby they know the most sensitive, vulnerable areas to look at. They can also assess the severity of the impact of the deterioration by virtue of its location relative to the most sensitive areas. This helps to assess how quickly a repair has to be done, if at all,” explained Cmdr. Moskowitz.

Later, he became the executive officer for Central Baghdad Regional Group within ORHA, which is now CPA reporting directly to the Secretary of Defense. ORHA’s senior leadership was in constant contact with SECDEF as well as daily contact with President Bush.

For ORHA, his main responsibilities were to “to lead life support efforts for the organization, lead prioritization efforts for reconstruction projects for Iraq, develop scopes, schedules, and estimates for special infrastructure projects, and provide individual engineering assessments of various facilities, including ministry buildings,” remarked Cmdr. Moskowitz.

Cmdr. Moskowitz returned to LANTDIV in late July and returned to civilian life. In his own words, his experience has left him “very proud...it has been a pleasure to serve, represent the Navy and LANTDIV, and witness a part of history.”



Cmdr. Moskowitz inspects the 14th of July Bridge in Baghdad.



Bridge cables damaged by bullets



The 14th of July Bridge, spans the Tigris River in central Baghdad.

EFA Med completes move to Capo

By LCDR Ed Gallion

EFA MED-- LANTDIV Hq is not the only component moving these days. EFA Med completed the move from the Alenia building onto the Capodichino Base, into its new spaces in Admin II and III, a move that went far better than anyone could have reasonably expected.

The lion's share of praise for such a smooth move goes to (architect extraordinaire) Colin Payne and Lt. Julie Hrdlicka (who now has muscles in places she didn't before) for their excellent planning, coordination and just sheer hard work.

The actual move was phased, department by department, with IT moving about one month before, command suite and legal following soon after, with the rest of the departments back to back, but just about everyone was up and running within eight working hours thanks to our IT department's excellent work. Don't be misled by the word department, because it actually boils down to just two people: Doug Wagner and Nick Falcone who all on their own man-



EFA Med program analyst Rosaria Astarita during the move.

aged to relocate the network and move 80 people's computers with just the eight hour down time, whilst responding to OICC's and ROICC Southern Italy's network connectivity

issues and continuing to provide day to day support to HQ and all 10 field offices – yet when you look at them they look like normal people - well sorta!

Ospreys move into tension fabric hangar at Pax River



When the revolutionary V-22 Osprey at Naval Air Station Patuxent River needed an equally innovative place to call home, the Patuxent River Facilities Team and J. A. Jones Management Services rose to the challenge by erecting a 29,700-sq. ft. relocatable tension fabric structure on budget and in just four months. NAVFAC Field Activity Chesapeake awarded the \$2.9 million contract to J. A. Jones in February, and turned the structure over to the client in June. The gable-end fabric structure is connected to the existing airfield apron and has a life span of approximately 10 years. It holds two aircraft, plus testing and maintenance equipment.

Bosco relieves Van Hutten at EFA Med

EFA Med—Capt. Paul Bosco relieved Capt. Darrell Van Hutten as Commanding Officer of Engineering Field Activity Mediterranean Aug. 26.

Capt. Bosco comes to Naples from the U.S. Naval Academy where he was the Public Works Officer. He earned a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the Citadel in 1979 and holds a masters degree in Financial Management (with distinction) from the Naval Postgraduate School. He also completed the Executive Management Program at the Fuqua School of Business, Duke University. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Minnesota. His previous assignments include PWC Pensacola, ROICC South Weymouth, NMCB five, Southern Division, CO of NMCB 133, and CEC detailee.

Capt. Van Hutten, who previously served as OICC Naples, reports to NAVFAC HQ.

Rear Adm. Loose praised Van Hutten's expert technical and management skills, enthusiasm and visionary leadership. "His tour at EFA Med was full of enormous challenges and countless opportunities and under his inspirational leadership EFA Med attained tremendous achievements."



Capt. Paul Bosco

Ribbon cutting opens new Naples hospital

EFA MED—On April 23, the \$48 million U.S. Naval Hospital was accepted, in the culmination of a four and a half year combined effort between the builder (Impregilo/Mirabella Joint venture), the designer (A. Izzo) and the Navy's OICC/Hospital Team. Innovative acquisition strategies enabled the Navy to open this hospital in mid-July.

OICC Naples also entered into a \$10 million turn-key contract with Impregilo (a leading contractor in the medical facilities industry) for the majority of the medical equipment, which allowed for the early coordination of equipment needs. Equipment installation and testing schedules were integrated into the construction program and hospital staff training paralleled the facility acceptance.

This early coordination allowed the hospital to reduce the facility transition period from the old to the new hospital from six months to seven weeks. The new hospital has state-of-the-art utilities systems, and a centralized medical gas system replaces the system of portable canisters used at Agnano. The mechanical and electrical systems are also highly integrated with automated monitoring and digital controls and every major system is designed with redundancy and back-up services. These advanced



Atlantic Division commander, Rear Adm. Mike Loose, left, and Navy Medicine officials cut the ribbon officially opening the new Naples Hospital.

systems required a comprehensive commissioning program prior to acceptance, to proveout capabilities during initial operations.

The shortened transition time and dual staffing requirements between the old and new facilities allowed few opportunities for the staff to learn the new systems. OICC Naples was able to bridge this gap by obtaining 12

months operation and maintenance (O&M) support from the contractor. This support will continue for the first year and includes two one-year option periods. The NAVFAC mission will continue during the facility prove-out period and the lead contractor staff and ROICC engineers will support the O&M mission, until the hospital mans all stations independently.

Early transfer of S. Weymouth on track

By Al Haring, Director,
Environmental Restoration
Division

CSO SOUTH WEYMOUTH—History was made May 15, as the United States Government returned the first portion of the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station to the local communities of Abington, Rockland and Weymouth, Mass.

The 1,450-acre site, purchased by the Navy in the 1940s and 1950s, served as an active military base until 1996 when it was deemed surplus as part of the Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC) process.

Congressman William Delahunt, EFA NE Commanding Officer Capt. Robert Raines and several other state and local dignitaries spoke at a festive ceremony June 16 to celebrate the recent first conveyance of 549 acres of the former NAS South Weymouth to the South Shore Tri-Town Development Corporation (SSTTDC).

A total of approximately 324 acres were transferred under an Economic Development Conveyance, earmarked for commercial development, and about 225 acres were transferred under a Public Benefit Conveyance in an arrangement with the National Park Service that sets the land aside for active and passive recreation in perpetuity.

The land came to the SSTTDC—which represents the three host communities – under a Finding of Suitability for Transfer (FOST). A third parcel is scheduled to be transferred later this summer, with the remainder of the base going to the corporation by the end of the year.

To place the property in the hands of the developer as soon as possible, SSTTDC, the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA), has requested, and the Navy is pursuing, an “early transfer” of the remaining property. Through this process, property can be transferred to the LRA prior to all environmental cleanup being completed.

At a National Priority List (NPL) base, such as South Weymouth, approval is required from the EPA regional administrator as well as the



Massachusetts Congressman William Delahunt, left, and EFA Northeast Commanding Officer Capt. Robert Raines, right, were speakers at a June ceremony to mark transfer of approximately 550 acres at the former NAS South Weymouth to the Local Redevelopment Authority.

state governor. Environmental cleanup can then be completed by the Navy or the developer. EFA NE is currently negotiating an Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA) with the developer to transfer remaining cleanup responsibilities.

Although there have been a number of early transfers completed around the country, if we are successful at South Weymouth, this will be the first time a DoD activity on the NPL will have undergone an early transfer with an ESCA. What makes this even more challenging are first time agreements that EPA will have with the developer, and modifications to the existing Federal Facility Agreement that need the approval of the Dept. of Justice.

EFA NE professionals who have worked tirelessly to affect the cleanup include: Remedial Technical Manager Mark Leipert (in charge of EBS Review Item Areas), Mark Krivansky the RPM in charge of IR sites, Michele Digeambeardino in charge of the CDR and FOSTs, Brian Helland in charge of the MCP sites, and Dave Barclift and Lisa Yeutter in charge of Risk Assessments, and environmental attorney Ralph Lombardo.

Remembering September 11



PATRIOTIC COLORS--Members of the Hq. Financial Accounting Branch dressed in patriotic colors to remember the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 attack on New York and the Pentagon.

Aviano bids a fond farewell to Canady

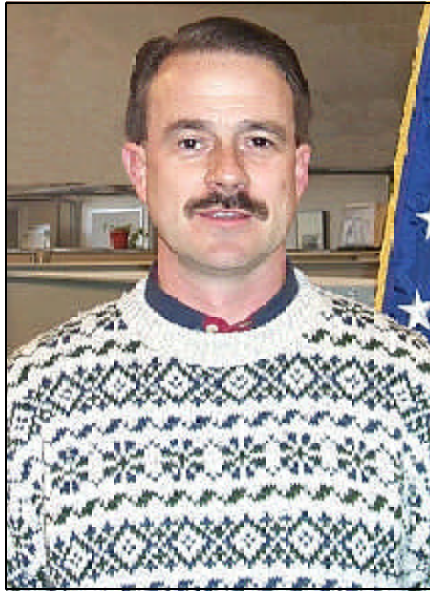
ROICC NORTHERN ITALY—Over the past twelve months, ROICC Northern Italy has said to good-bye to Bill Crone, Lt. Cmdr. Scot Sanders and Lt. Marc Doran. These three world-class employees made a lasting impact and left a legacy of success as they drove home some of the hallmark facilities in the Aviano 2000 Construction Program.

The Aviano 2000 program, as one of the largest programs ever undertaken by the United States Air Force and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, provides the infrastructure needed to support two aircraft squadrons authorized to permanently bed down at Aviano Air Base, Italy.

On Aug. 1, ROICC Northern Italy said good-bye to another superstar Bobby Canady.

"Bobby is one of the most well rounded employees that I have had the privilege to work with during my 23 years of federal service. He has the ability, like no other, to touch many areas of field office operations" said Mike Bellamy, Chief Engineer for ROICC Northern Italy.

During his recent visit to Aviano,



Bobby Canady

Rear Adm. Mike Loose called Bobby Canady "the ultimate Construction Representative." The Air Force client is equally complementary of Bobby's performance.

"Bobby Canady is the epitome of professionalism and totally dedicated to delivering a quality product" empathetically stated Mark Schlueter

who is one of the Aviano 2000 Program Office's sector managers.

As Bobby and his family return to the Jacksonville, N.C. area we want to show our appreciation by publicly acknowledging their accomplishments. While at Aviano, Bobby earned the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award and was named the Atlantic Division 2003 Employee of the Year and the EFA Mediterranean 2003 Employee of the Year. He was a virtual member to the EFA MED ROICC Operations Cell, a NAVFAC Leadership Development Program Graduate, directed the Quality Assurance oversight on \$5.4 million worth of airfield pavement and airfield lighting – all placed into operation in less than 45 days. He also coached baseball, soccer and flag football for Aviano Youth Programs.

Bobby led ROICC Northern Italy's Quality Assurance team which was responsible for completing several key facilities under his watchful eyes, including the \$21 million Base Exchange and Commissary Complex, the \$33 million Department of Defense Dependent School and a \$27million Dormitory Complex.

In high-ranking company

LANTDIV planner Dan Cecchini, right, briefs local officials at MCAS Cherry Point on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the East Coast basing of F/A-18 Super Hornet aircraft. Dan led the team that completed the lengthy and highly technical study. Atlantic Fleet Commander, Adm. Robert Natter, left, and Maj. Gen. Robert Flanagan, Commander Marine Corps Air Bases East, look on.





Profile: *Terrie Brown*

Terrie is a contract Administrative Assistant in the Construction Engineering Office, Code CI52.

Current Residence: Virginia Beach

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

What do you like best about your job?

My supervisor (Barry Robertson) and all of my co-workers.

Favorite TV shows:

"Everybody Loves Raymond," "CSI"

Hobbies / Interests:

sewing, swimming, reading

Pet Peeve:

People who leave their Christmas lights up all year.

Person you admire, or who has influenced you most:

Christopher Reeve, he is so inspiring.

People don't know that I . . . retired with 20 years

service in the Navy. Most people are surprised by that.

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

I can be very impatient. I hate that about myself.

Anything you would like to add:

I have worked at numerous Navy commands, and I have to say this past year at LANTDIV has been my best assignment ever. Everyone I have met is very helpful and friendly.

Education:

Pursuing Associate Degree in Computer Science at TCC.

How Long at LantDiv? 1 year

Other Jobs in Federal Service:

Since retiring from the Navy, I have worked as a contractor for the Navy. The Navy is my only work experience since I was 20.

Military Service:

U.S. Navy, 20 years

Favorite Music:

Anything by Elvis

Favorite Authors:

Jean Auel, Sydney Sheldon, and Sandra Brown

Favorite Movies:

"Gone with the Wind," "Chicago," "Saturday Night Fever"

Do you recognize this man?

He was seen wandering around at Capt. R. J. Clark's retirement luncheon in July, but no one can identify him. If you know who he is, please contact Capt. Mason Crum, LANTDIV Operations Officer.



NO RESPECT--No sooner do you get named Chief of Civil Engineers then someone trashes your office.



Jim Duffy and Ann Marie Purul.

EFA NE Annual Picnic



Greta Deirocini watches Cheyenne Parsons swing at a pinata.



Hannah Evans, Emma Deininger, Taylor Evans and Gia Grillo enjoy snow cones.



Above, Lee Vescovich, Helen McCabe and Cmdr. Cameron Manning enjoy each other's company. Left, Greg Procopio and Taylor McGrath watch Jake McGrath on the water slide.



Roger Jackson and his son, Quinton, enjoy the family picnic.



These three go after the children's Twinkie eating prize.

LANTDIV HQ Spring Picnic



The rain didn't dampen everyone's day.



Teddy and Janet Hoffman enjoy a fire truck tour.



Jim Bailey chows down during the adult Twinkie eating contest.